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SPORTS MEMENTOS FETCH A FORTUNE

Memorabilia used by Olympians put up for auction by the govt. Maximum interest in Neeraj's javelin and Lovlina's boxing gloves

PROCEEDS TO GO TO #NAMAMIGANGE MISSION

The 'third edition of the e-Auction of gifts and mementos received by Prime Minister begins from Friday,' a tweet by the handle of PIB Culture read. "Proceeds from the e-Auction will go to #NamamiGange Mission." It's a mission aimed at conserving and rejuvenating Ganga. Other items put up for sale, given to Modi after the Olympics and the Paralympics, include PV Sindhu's racquet, Bhavani Devi's sabre and two hockey sticks signed by members of men and women teams.

SPORTS SELECT ITEMS

● Base price ● Current bid

Lovlina Borgohain's boxing gloves ● ₹80 lakh ● ₹1.92 crore

Sumit Antil's paragold winning javelin ● ₹1 crore ● ₹1.08 crore

Neeraj Chopa's gold winning javelin ● ₹1 crore ● ₹1.5 crore

Hockey stick with women's team signature ● ₹80 lakh ● ₹1.03 crore

Hockey stick with men's team signature ● ₹80 lakh ● ₹80.001 lakh

PV Sindhu's racquet and badminton bag ● ₹80 lakh ● ₹90.02 lakh

1,330

OVERALL ITEMS UP FOR AUCTION; LAST DATE IS OCTOBER 7

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Fuel stays out of GST, not right time to get in

GST Council decides against bringing petrol and diesel under the regime; compensation to states to end in July 2022

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ Lucknow

THE first in-person GST Council meeting in two years held here on Friday decided against bringing petrol and diesel under the regime as members felt this is "not the right time" for such a step. The proposal was included in the agenda of the meeting following a Kerala High Court directive.

"In terms of the recent directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, the issue of whether specified petroleum products should be brought within the ambit of GST was placed for consideration before the Council. After due deliberation, the Council was of the view that it is not appropriate to do so, at least at this stage," Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said after the meeting.

Meanwhile, in a big disappointment to states, the GST Council also ruled out extending the timeframe for compensation to states for their revenue loss due to switching over to GST from the earlier indirect tax regime. According to the GST Act, states will be compensated for five years from the GST rollout on July 1, 2017 till June 30, 2022. While the compensation payout to states will end in June next year, the compensation cess will continue to be collected till March 2026 to repay back-to-back loans taken to fund state compensation.

Justifying the move not to extend the compensation period, Sitharaman said the revenue neutral rate at the time of implementing GST was 15.5%, but the actual collection is at 11.6% due to various exemptions and reductions that were implemented later on. The GST Council, which is headed by the Union Finance Minister, also decided to exempt some life-saving drugs, including cancer medicine from GST. P13

K'TAKA SAYS NO TO PETROL, DIESEL UNDER GST

The Karnataka GST team, at the 45th GST Meeting at Lucknow on Friday, urged the Centre not to include petrol and diesel under GST for now and to extend the GST compensation for another five years. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman did not commit herself to the demand on fuels, but agreed to set up two panels — to study tax restructuring; and to analyse IT systems for better enforcement. P4

K'taka tops as India shatters vax record

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AS India shattered all its daily vaccination records on Friday with about 2.28 crore jabs, Karnataka led the charge with 28.4 lakh doses of Covid vaccine doses administered, emerging as the state with the highest number of vaccinations in the mega-vaccination mela, touted as "a gift to PM Narendra Modi" on his 71st birthday.

Karnataka was ahead of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, which stood in the second and third places, respectively.

Led by Bengaluru Urban, which achieved 143% of the targeted 50,000 vaccinations, 13 districts across Karnataka were able to achieve over 100 per cent of their targets set for the day. Overall, Karnataka was able to achieve 92 per cent of targeted 31,75,000 vaccines with 29,09,163 doses administered. It also crossed five crore total doses in the process on Friday.

The vaccination drive was conducted in over 12,000 Covid vaccination across the State. The top districts are BBMP area (3.98 lakh doses), Belagavi (2.39 lakh doses), Dakshina Kannada (1.33 lakh), Ballari (1.33 lakh), Tumakuru (1.24 lakh) and Mandya (1.15 lakh).

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Biocon, Serum Instt in alliance

Biocon Biologics (BBL) and Serum Institute Life Sciences (SILS) have struck an alliance, where BBL has offered 15% stake to SILS at a post-money valuation of $4.9 bn, in exchange for access to 100 mn vaccine doses per year for 15 years. P3

Covovax for kids by Jan-Feb

Adar Poonawalla said he is hopeful that Covovax, a vaccine for children, will be ready by January or February 2022. "Three to four months is the minimum time we need to see how safe it is for children," Poonawalla said. P3

JAB-O-METER
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Sep 16 **57,11,488 doses**
Sep 17 **2,30,30,698 doses**
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17-year-old shoots self dead using dad's pistol

MANJU SHETTAR @ Bengaluru

A 17-year-old son of a retired Indian Army personnel was found dead with a gunshot wound in his head, caused by his father's licensed pistol, at the Air Force School Bus Stop in Sadashivnagar in the early hours of Friday.

Morning walkers, who noticed the body lying in a pool of blood with the pistol by his side, alerted the police. The deceased, Rahul Bhandari — son of Havildar (Retd) Bhagat Singh Bhandari, was a resident of adjoining Gangenahalli.

Rahul regularly went for morning walks, and on Friday, he took the weapon from a cabinet and left home around 3.30 am without telling his family. He sat at the bus-stop for over two hours before shooting himself dead. "He has done it between 5.30 am and 6 am. The pistol was recovered from the spot. A single bullet has been fired, which pierced the right temple of his head and exited from the left," police said. P5

NATIONWIDE	SEPT 16	SEPT 17
Fresh cases	30,570	34,403
Recoveries	38,303	37,950
Deaths	431	320

KARNATAKA	SEPT 16	SEPT 17
Fresh cases	1,108	1,003
Recoveries	809	1,199
Deaths	18	18

EXPRESS READ

BCCI may approach Kumble, Laxman for head coach job

New Delhi: Life may come to a full circle for Anil Kumble as the BCCI might ask him to apply for the post of head coach of the Indian team along with VVS Laxman once Ravi Shastri finishes his term after the T20 World Cup. P15

Myanmar court sets Oct 1 for Suu Kyi corruption trial

Bangkok: A trial of Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi on corruption charges is set to begin on October 1. A member of her legal team said that a judge declared the trial would be held in the country's capital Naypyitaw on every other Friday.

New CJs for K'taka, T'gana among collegium picks

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court collegium is learnt to have proposed the promotion and/or transfer of as many as 28 high court judges, including eight elevations as chief justices and five transfers of sitting chief justices.

Sources said a three-member collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana recommended the promotion and transfer of acting Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court Justice Rajesh Bindal as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

Interestingly, Tripura High Court Justice Akil Kureshi, who was overlooked for promotion to the Supreme Court a few weeks ago though he was second in all-India seniority, is proposed to be transferred to the Rajasthan High Court. Whether the Centre will accept the recommendation remains to be seen.

Sitting Chief Justice of Rajasthan Justice Indrajit Mohanty is proposed to swap places with Justice Kureshi in Tripura. Justice Mohanty is due to retire in November this year.

The other proposed transfers of CJs are Justice Arup Kumar Goswami from Andhra Pradesh to Chhattisgarh, Justice Mohammad Rafiq from Madhya Pradesh to Himachal Pradesh, and Justice Biswanath Somadder from Meghalaya to Sikkim. P9

CJs ON TRANSFER LIST

Name	From HC	To HC
Arup Kumar Goswami	AP	Chhattisgarh
Mohd Rafiq	MP	Himachal
Akil Kureshi	Tripura	Rajasthan
Indrajit Mohanty	Rajasthan	Tripura
Biswanath Somadder	Meghalaya	Sikkim

The decisions are yet to be uploaded on the SC's website. Sources said the list will be sent to the government soon

PROPOSED PROMOTIONS AS CJs

Name	From HC	To HC
Rajesh Bindal	Calcutta	Allahabad
Prakash Srivastava	MP	Calcutta
Prashant Kumar Mishra	Chhattisgarh	AP
Ritu Raj Awasthi	Allahabad	Karnataka
Satish Chandra Sharma	Karnataka	Telangana
Ranjit V More	Bombay	Meghalaya
Aravind Kumar	Karnataka	Gujarat
R V Malimath	Himachal	MP

Radicalisation biggest challenge: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

GROWING radicalisation is the biggest challenge to world peace and the recent developments in Afghanistan have made this challenge more apparent, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday. Participating virtually in the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State, Modi said the SCO should develop a common template to fight radicalisation and extremism.

Noting that Central Asia has been a bastion of moderate and progressive values, the prime minister said traditions such as Sufism have flourished in the region over the centuries and spread throughout the world. P9

> Representation of all sections of Afghan society, including women and minorities, is also important
>
> Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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